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<u>Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Public Assistance Disqualification for the 2nd Quarter Fiscal Year 2010</u>

The Director of the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPH&SS), Mr. J. Peter Roberto, ACSW, releases the statistics for the Second Quarter of Fiscal Year 2010 (January 2010 to March 2010) relative to the number of clients who were disqualified from participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP formerly known as Food Stamp Program) and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program.

These clients were found to have intentionally violated rules under the SNAP and TANF Programs.

PROGRAM	NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS DISQUALIFIED	AMOUNT OF RESTITUTION
	2nd Quarter	2nd Quarter
SNAP	11	\$25,777.00
TANF	03	\$1,918.00
GRAND TOTAL	14	\$27695.00

Of the 14 individuals disqualified, eleven were due to failure to timely report employment and/or income, and three (3) failed to report household size properly. All were disqualified for 12 months for the first violation.

Individuals who were found to have committed Intentional Program Violation (IPV) through Administrative Disqualification Hearing (ADH) shall be ineligible to participate in the program for:

12 MONTHS for the $1^{\rm ST}$ VIOLATION 24 MONTHS for the $2^{\rm ND}$ VIOLATION PERMANENT DISQUALIFICATION for the $3^{\rm RD}$ VIOLATION

Effective February 01, 2009, SNAP implemented Simplified Reporting requiring household, to report only when (1) the income exceeds 130% of the federal poverty level and (2) address change. These changes must be reported by the 10th of the month following the month the change occurred. To comply with TANF Program requirements, any change in employment, household members moving in or out, or change of address requires that the household report to the department within 10 days of the date the change becomes known to the household.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Francis L.G. Damian, Program Coordinator IV, Investigation and Recoupment Office at the Bureau of Management Support at 735-7379.

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